

HOUSE BILL 350

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to Tennessee HOPE
scholarships.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(27), is amended by deleting the language "or a Tennessee HOPE access grant".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by deleting subdivision (31) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-905(b)(2), is amended by deleting the second sentence of the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-905, is amended by deleting the language "Tennessee HOPE access grant," wherever it appears.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-906, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Except for the ASPIRE award under § 49-4-915, eligibility for scholarships or grants awarded under this part shall not be restricted or limited by the adjusted gross income attributable to a student. Students applying for the ASPIRE award under § 49-4-915 shall file a FAFSA with TSAC.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-907, is amended by deleting the subdivision (3) in its entirety.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-908, is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-912, is amended by deleting the second sentence of subsection (a) in its entirety.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-922, is amended by deleting the language "a Tennessee HOPE access grant,".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-928, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, a student who is a dependent child or spouse of a member of the armed services who, while serving honorably, was killed in action, died as a direct result of injuries received from a service connected, combat-related cause, or was officially reported as being either a prisoner of war or missing in action shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, if the student meets the requirements of §§ 49-4-904(1)-(6) and 49-4-905(a)(2) and (a)(3) and such student was a citizen of Tennessee at the time such member of the armed forces died, was imprisoned, or was reported missing in action.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930(d), is amended by deleting the language "Tennessee HOPE access grants,".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-933(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety.

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-933(f), is amended by deleting the language "or Tennessee HOPE access grant" wherever it appears.

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-934(a), is amended by deleting subdivisions (1) and (2) in their entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) Graduate from a high school in the foreign nation where the student's parent is a religious worker that is accredited by a regional accrediting association as defined by § 49-4-902; or

(2) Complete high school in a home school in the foreign nation where the student's parent is a religious worker.

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-935(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety.

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-937, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b) The provisions of this section shall also apply to students who are eligible for General Assembly Merit Scholarships.

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-937, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c) Hours taken by a student at a Tennessee technology center towards a diploma before receiving a Tennessee HOPE scholarship or General Assembly Merit Scholarship under the provisions of this section shall not count under the provisions of § 49-4-913 or § 49-4-920 as semester hours attempted for the purposes of calculating the number of semester hours for which a student may receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship or General Assembly Merit Scholarship. The five-year limitation on the receipt of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship shall not begin to run for a student receiving a HOPE scholarship under the provisions of this section until the student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution other than a Tennessee technology center.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking postsecondary financial assistance from lottery proceeds for the 2007-2008 school year and thereafter.